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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yvon BUARD

Confirmation No. 1296

Serial No. 09/902,610

GROUP 3677

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Examiner R. Rodriguez

TRUNKING CONNECTING DEVICE

## AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Amend the claims as follows:

--1. (amended) A device for connecting at least two lengths of a trunking adapted to bear against a support surface, said device including a plate for joining backs of base sections of said trunking, said backs of said trunking base sections having substantially plane rear faces adapted to bear against the support surface, said plate having a rear face adapted to be flush with said rear faces of said backs and said plate having on each of its edges adjacent cut edges of said trunking base sections longitudinal tongues adapted to bear on two opposite faces of each back, said tongues are substantially plane, have a

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